



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

March 18, 2015

Minutes

Those Present:

Archie Garcia, Brian Leen, Roger Newall, Ken O'Keefe,
Steve Overman, SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Stephen Asher, Diallo Dphrepaulezz, Pat Gaston, Mike Scramski, David Spark, Jonathan Strawn, Louis Tafoya, Chris Timm,

I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:12 am

II. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2015

- a. There was no quorum. The motion to accept the February minutes was given by Brian Leen and seconded by Steve Overman.

III. Public Comments –

- Ken O'Keefe commented that the Veterans Day at Legislation was a good turnout. There were approximately 40 people that rode the bus to Santa Fe from the NMVM.
- Roger Newall announced that the Nuclear Museum would be the site of the unveiling of Albuquerque Purple Heart City signs. He invited the group to attend on March 27, 2015.
- There was brief discussion and flyers passed around to promote the "Warriors Memorial Run" on June 20, 2015.
- There was brief discussion and flyers passed around to promote the golf tournament from the cast and crew of The Night Shift in conjunction with Military Order of the Purple Heart of New Mexico promoting a Charity Golf Tournament benefiting VA – Fisher House of NM, on April 12, 2015.

IV. Old Business

a. Membership

- Chris Timm and Mike Scramski are still working on filing membership's information.
- There is one open spot to fill on the Advisory Board. Roger Banquez, a Captain in APS has been suggested to pursue to fill this vacant spot.
- Four current Board member positions are up for renewal in September.

b. Projects

- Rail Runner and Bus Program Update
 - Roger Newall informed the group that Albuquerque's bus plan was given to Nashville, Tennessee. They heard about Albuquerque's program and wanted to know more on how we operate.
- Land Property - Steve Overman brought up a discussion on this project
 - Steve informed the group that he received maps of the land to try and determine who owned the property. The maps that he was given are old and don't have the current owner's name. He told the group that he would pursue the City or County Clerk's office of land management to locate the newest, current maps with correct owners.
- Roger made an announcement regarding the Senior Center Honor Walls project.
 - April 30, 2015, at 9:30am, there will be an unveiling of the newest completed Wall project at the Senior Center at Los Volcanes.
 - Current locations already on display: North Domingo, Barrelas and Highland.
 - Plans to complete the remaining senior centers in the City by the end of the year are on track.

c. Legislation

- Pending Bills
 - It was discussed that there was dialogue regarding handicap placards and allowing those to park on City and Government property (airports, pay meters, etc.) for free.

d. Update Future Events

- Roger Newall reiterated that Future Events were previously discussed under Projects.

V. New Business:

- There was brief discussion regarding tributes for military personnel killed in action/zone versus killed in training. This was brought up due to the training accident in Florida that resulted in the death of military personnel. One of those who dies was from New Mexico.
- Future Events:
 - April 11, 2015, Bataan Celebration on Lomas
 - April 12, 2015, Charity Golf Tournament
 - April 15, 2015, Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
 - June 20, 2015, Warriors Memorial Run
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VI. Setting of Future Meetings – April 15, 2015 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial

VII. Adjourn – 10:00 am.